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Overview

Table 19.1 **Estimate of expenditure**

Proposal submitted by the Secretary-General	$65,849,600[a]
Revised appropriation for 2008-2009	$64,726,300

[a] At 2008-2009 rates.

Table 19.2 **Proposed staffing resources**

Posts	*Number*	*Level*
Regular budget		
Proposed for the biennium 2010-2011	200	1 USG, 1 D-2, 9 D-1, 23 P-5, 34 P-4, 36 P-3, 21 P-2/1, 6 GS (PL), 69 GS (OL)
New	1	1 P-3 for subprogramme 2
Approved for the biennium 2008-2009	199	1 USG, 1 D-2, 9 D-1, 23 P-5, 34 P-4, 35 P-3, 21 P-2/1, 6 GS (PL), 69 GS (OL)

Abbreviations: USG, Under-Secretary-General; GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); GS (OL), General Service (Other level).

19.1 The programme is under the responsibility of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

19.2 Acting in its dual role as a regional outpost of the United Nations and part of its regional institutional landscape, ECE will continue to pursue the key objectives shared by all the regional commissions, namely, to foster economic integration at the subregional and regional levels, to promote the regional implementation of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and to support regional sustainable development by contributing to the bridging of economic, social and environmental gaps among their member countries and subregions. To achieve those objectives, all regional commissions, through their convening power, will continue to generate multilateral dialogue, knowledge-sharing and networking at the regional level, and will work together to promote intraregional and interregional cooperation, both among themselves and through collaboration with other regional organizations.

19.3 Taking into account the role of the regional commissions as expressed above and the goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 60/1) and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the main objectives of the ECE work programme for 2010-2011 will be (a) to support the integration of the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, as well as South-Eastern Europe, into the pan-European economy, taking into account the enlarged European Union and the various integration initiatives under way in the eastern part of the region; (b) to improve the quality of life and to contribute to the sustainable development of the region; and (c) to enhance competitiveness, in particular in the emerging market economies and low-income countries of the region, thereby contributing to their economic prosperity. ECE will engage and promote partnerships among all public and private stakeholders to achieve those objectives.

19.4 The ECE programme of work, in accordance with the decisions taken by member States as part of the 2005 workplan on ECE reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1), is designed around eight subprogrammes, namely, economic cooperation and integration, environment, housing, land management and population, statistics, sustainable energy, timber and forestry, trade, and transport. The core strategy focuses on (a) the implementation of existing legally binding instruments, norms, standards and guidelines, as well as the negotiation of new ones based on the needs of member States; (b) the provision of technical assistance, policy advice and capacity-building to support the implementation of those norms and standards by countries with economies in transition; and (c) the organization of a policy debate and the exchange of experiences in the areas of ECE expertise, including supporting policy analysis, studies and statistics.

19.5 ECE normative work will promote greater regulatory compatibility among its member States. It will therefore stimulate transboundary cooperation, in particular for the further opening of borders and the addressing of environmental challenges. At the same time, due account will be given to the region's concern for increased security. It will also have a positive impact on the rest of the world, as many ECE-developed agreements and standards (in particular in the areas of transport, trade facilitation and statistics) become more accepted for use in countries of other regions.

19.6 Particular attention will be given to advancing intersectoral activities, in particular between the energy, environment, timber, trade and transport sectors. Furthermore, ECE will focus on the gender dimension of development as it relates to women in the economy.

19.7 The policy debate and exchange of experiences among ECE member States will facilitate the identification of policies and good practices conducive to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

19.8 ECE technical cooperation activities will be directed at the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-Eastern Europe. They will contribute to improving national capacities to implement legally binding instruments and other regional norms and standards, and to resolving transboundary challenges. In that respect, ECE will strengthen its cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme at both the regional and the country levels. In addition, the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, jointly executed with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will be further strengthened.

19.9 In order to improve coherence in the development work of the United Nations, consultations have taken place among the concerned entities of the Executive Committee of Economic and Social Affairs at the thematic cluster level. Those consultations are expected to lead to better coordination and more collaborative work among programmes in major common work areas of the Secretariat in the social and economic sectors.

19.10 Building upon the complementarity of mandates, functions and areas of expertise, ECE will strengthen its cooperation with key partners in the region, in particular with the European Commission and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, as well as with major subregional players.

19.11 The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for ECE in the biennium 2010-2011 are set out, together with required resources, under the programme of work, as well as under executive direction and management.

19.12 The issue of publications as part of the programme of work has been reviewed in the context of each subprogramme. It is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as shown in table 19.3 below (see also the output information for each subprogramme).

19.13 The estimated decrease for 2010-2011 reflects a consolidation and reformulation of publications in an effort to further increase their quality and relevance. Several outputs of the programme were consolidated, reformulated and/or reorganized to rationalize outputs and to enhance overall programme performance reporting.

Table 19.3 **Summary of publications**

Publications	*2006-2007 actual*	*2008-2009 estimate*	*2010-2011 estimate*
Recurrent	80	83	68
Non-recurrent	117	125	82
Total	**197**	**208**	**150**

19.14 The overall resources required for the biennium 2010-2011 for this section amount to $65,849,600, before recosting, reflecting a net increase of $1,123,300 (or 1.7 per cent), of which $1,071,700 relates to net changes in connection with post requirements, as follows: (a) the delayed impact of five posts for the biennium 2008-2009 ($1,078,100); (b) the proposed establishment of an additional post at the P-3 level in subprogramme 2, Transport ($166,400); and (c) a net reduction under non-post resources relating to the discontinuation of non-recurrent provisions approved in 2008-2009 and other reductions due to reduced requirements for consultancy services, furniture and equipment, and grants and contributions ($121,200). The net growth shown in table 19.5 below can be summarized as follows:

(a) The net increase of $350,800 under executive direction and management relates to: (i) the delayed impact of one post at the P-4 level, effective 1 January 2009, established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities ($270,600); (ii) the inward redeployment of one post at the P-5 level from subprogramme 1, Environment, to the Information Unit, partially offset by the outward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level from the Information Unit to subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population ($59,200); and (iii) an increase for contractual services under non-post requirements for the translation, into languages of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, of documents and materials required for meetings and seminars that cannot be carried out in-house ($21,000);

(b) The net increase of $710,800 under programme of work relates to:

(i) A net decrease of $115,800 under subprogramme 1, Environment, resulting from the outward redeployment of one post at the P-5 level to the Information Unit of the executive direction and management component, partially offset by the inward redeployment of one post at the P-3 level from subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population. The proposed outward redeployment of one post at the P-5 level to the executive direction and management component is intended to address a request from States members of ECE following the reform carried out in 2006 that ECE enhance its communications, public relations and contacts with the media in order to achieve an increase in the number and enhanced quality of targeted materials and publications available on the Internet and to enhance the production of printed materials;

(ii) A net increase of $145,900 under subprogramme 2, Transport, resulting from the proposed establishment of one P-3 post, Economic Affairs Officer, to carry out work related to fuel standards and the work on global warming abatement in response to the

decision of the Governments that are members of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations ($166,300); partially offset by a decrease in external printing under non-post requirements due to the increased use of in-house printing ($20,400);

(iii) An increase of $354,100 under subprogramme 3, Statistics, owing to the delayed impact of one post at the P-3 level established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, and one post at the P-2 level established in the biennium 2008-2009;

(iv) An increase of $270,200 under subprogramme 5, Sustainable energy, due to the delayed impact of one post at the P-4 level, effective 1 January 2009, established in the context of Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities;

(v) A net increase of $56,500 under subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population, resulting from the inward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level from the Information Unit of the executive direction and management component, partially offset by the outward redeployment of one post at the P-3 level to subprogramme 1, Environment. The inward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level is intended to address the need for higher-level support in servicing the Committee on Housing and Land Management with its enhanced programme element, which now includes energy efficiency of the housing sector linked to climate change. The outward redeployment of one P-3 post to subprogramme 1, Environment, is intended to address the need for an Economic Affairs Officer to undertake substantive work, including research on the economic aspects of environmental policy, analysis of trends and policies, provision of substantive input and technical guidance on economic issues to facilitate strategic decisions by the Chief of the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division and the section chiefs;

(c) A net increase of $61,700 under programme support relates to: (i) the delayed impact of one post at the P-3 level, effective 1 January 2009, established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities ($183,500); and (ii) decreased requirements under non-post requirements for consultants, furniture and equipment, and grants and contributions ($333,100), partially offset by increased requirements for data-processing services under contractual services ($211,300).

19.15 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $26,559,300 will complement resources from the regular budget to finance various substantive and technical cooperation activities, including consultancy services, expert groups, travel, technical advisory services, training, workshops, seminars, and field projects. Projected 2010-2011 expenditures are based on or known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

19.16 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for the conduct of monitoring and evaluation would amount to $1,040,000, representing a total of 62 work-months by Professional staff at the D-1, P-5, P-4/P-3 and P-2 levels and 17 work-months at the level of General Service (Other level), funded from regular budget resources and reflected under each subprogramme.

19.17 The distribution of resources under this section would be as shown in tables 19.4-19.6.

Table 19.4 **Distribution of resources by component**

(Percentage)

Component	Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
A. Executive direction and management	10.7	—
B. Programme of work		
Environment	15.1	57.4
Transport	17.3	15.8
Statistics	13.8	—
Economic cooperation and integration	6.1	3.6
Sustainable energy	8.2	11.9
Trade	11.3	1.3
Timber and forestry	3.5	1.4
Housing, land management and population	7.8	2.3
Subtotal B	**76.5**	**91.7**
C. Programme support	12.8	8.3
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

[a] Less than 0.05 per cent.

Table 19.5 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	2006-2007 expenditures	2008-2009 appropriation	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	2010-2011 estimate
A. Executive direction and management	5 863.1	6 671.5	350.8	5.3	7 022.3	124.9	7 147.2
B. Programme of work	44 331.5	49 690.6	710.8	1.4	50 401.4	798.3	51 199.7
C. Programme support	7 177.5	8 364.2	61.7	0.7	8 425.9	85.2	8 511.1
Subtotal	**57 372.1**	**64 726.3**	**1 123.3**	**1.7**	**65 849.6**	**1 008.4**	**66 858.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	2006-2007 expenditures	2008-2009 estimate	2010-2011 estimate
A. Executive direction and management	11.5	20.5	10.2
B. Programme of work	16 034.4	25 365.0	24 341.6
C. Programme support	1 287.2	1 648.1	2 207.5
Subtotal	**17 333.1**	**27 033.6**	**26 559.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**74 705.2**	**91 759.9**	**93 417.3**

Table 19.6 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts 2008-2009	Established regular budget posts 2010-2011	Temporary posts: Regular budget 2008-2009	Temporary posts: Regular budget 2010-2011	Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary 2008-2009	Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary 2010-2011	Total 2008-2009	Total 2010-2011
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
P-5	23	23	—	—	2	2	25	25
P-4/3	69	70	—	—	16	16	85	86
P-2/1	21	21	—	—	3	4	24	25
Subtotal	**124**	**125**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**22**	**145**	**147**
General Service								
Principal level	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Other level	69	69	—	—	4	4	73	73
Subtotal	**75**	**75**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**	**79**	**79**
Total	**199**	**200**	**—**	**—**	**25**	**26**	**224**	**226**

19.18 Unlike the practice for the other regional commissions, resources for administration and conference and general services for ECE are not included under its own programme budget. The resources associated with those requirements are administered by the United Nations Office at Geneva and are consolidated under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, in respect of administration and general services, and under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, in respect of conference-servicing costs.

19.19 In order to permit a comparison among regional commissions while at the same time maintaining the advantages of integrated management and avoiding duplication of effort, the estimated resources (at current rates) to be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva to ECE for general, administrative, conference and library services during the biennium 2010-2011 are summarized in table 19.7.

Table 19.7 **Administrative, conference and general services for 2010-2011**
(United States dollars)

Administrative and general services	9 389 200
Conference and library services	19 386 000
Total	**28 775 200**

A. Policymaking organs

19.20 The governance structure of ECE has been reformed in accordance with the workplan on ECE reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1) adopted by ECE member States on 2 December 2005 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/248. The Commission, which reports to the Economic and Social Council, provides strategic direction to the work of the ECE Secretariat and is a forum for high-level policy dialogue on economic development for the region. It meets once every two years

for three working days. In the intersessional period, the Executive Committee is entrusted with the implementation of the overall policy set by the Commission. It meets regularly and as often as necessary to perform its governance role through, inter alia, the review and approval of programmes of work and subsidiary structures of the sectoral committees, ensuring coherence and coordination among subprogrammes. The eight sectoral committees act as governing bodies for the eight subprogrammes: the Committee on Environmental Policy (subprogramme 1); the Inland Transport Committee (subprogramme 2); the Conference of European Statisticians (subprogramme 3); the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (subprogramme 4); the Committee on Sustainable Energy (subprogramme 5); the Committee on Trade (subprogramme 6); the Timber Committee (subprogramme 7); and the Committee on Housing and Land Management (subprogramme 8). These bodies meet for two to three days annually to provide guidance to ECE on work relating to their respective sectors.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,022,300

19.21 In order to fulfil its responsibilities in terms of executive direction and overall management of ECE, this component has the following functions:

(a) To feed the debate on the strategic direction of ECE and to develop a forward-looking strategy for adjusting ECE activities to respond to emerging and foreseeable priorities of its member States;

(b) To foster relationships with member Governments and keep abreast of the needs of ECE member States;

(c) To coordinate the planning and ensure the implementation of the ECE programme of work, to provide guidance and direction for the work of the Secretariat, and to promote transparency and interdivisional cooperation;

(d) To service meetings of the Commission and its Executive Committee, including the preparation of relevant documentation, and to ensure follow-up to their decisions; and to ensure an interface between the Executive Committee and the bureaux of the sectoral committees;

(e) To ensure efficient and inclusive processes for the monitoring and evaluation of the work of the subprogrammes, including the biennial evaluations of subprogramme performance by sectoral committees; and to encourage the undertaking of self-evaluations and the use of evaluation findings;

(f) To ensure the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of ECE, including the regional follow-up to United Nations global conferences and events, in accordance with the Commission's role as a regional outpost of the United Nations, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46;

(g) To provide clearance for ECE publications and key documents prepared for the sectoral committees and other subsidiary bodies of ECE;

(h) To contribute to increasing the visibility of ECE and knowledge about and use of ECE products through the dissemination of information about its activities;

(i) To contribute, in close cooperation with the other regional commissions, to the United Nations reform discussion and implementation, in particular in relation to improving system-wide coherence in United Nations development work;

(j) To cooperate and coordinate with other international organizations and United Nations departments, in particular within the framework of relevant inter-agency coordination processes;

(k) To contribute to relevant reports of the Secretary-General for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and to provide other inputs requested by United Nations Headquarters;

(l) To foster gender mainstreaming in ECE subprogrammes;

(m) To ensure effective financial and human resources management as well as compliance with the Performance Appraisal System.

19.22 The executive direction and management component comprises the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit and the Information Unit.

Table 19.8 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Programme of work is effectively managed	(a) Timely delivery of outputs and services *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 94 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 95 per cent Target 2010-2011: 95 per cent
(b) Timely recruitment and placement of staff	(b) Reduction in the average number of days a Professional post remains vacant *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 220 days Estimate 2008-2009: 200 days Target 2010-2011: 180 days

(c) Improved geographical representation and gender balance of staff	(c) (i) Increased percentage of staff recruited from unrepresented and underrepresented member States in the department *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 16.7 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 18 per cent Target 2010-2011: 19 per cent (ii) Increased percentage of women at the Professional level and above for appointments of one year or more *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 33.1 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 35 per cent Target 2010-2011: 37 per cent
(d) Enhanced coherence and cooperation between ECE and other regional entities, including the regional commissions	(d) The number of new initiatives taken to increase the effectiveness of coherence and cooperation between ECE and other regional entities *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 5 new initiatives Estimate 2008-2009: 5 new initiatives Target 2010-2011: 5 new initiatives
(e) Better awareness of the work of ECE and access to information thereon, by ECE member States and other stakeholders	(e) Increased usage of the ECE website *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not available Estimate 2008-2009: 60 million page views Target 2010-2011: 65 million page views

External factors

19.23 The objectives and expected accomplishments under executive direction and management are expected to be achieved on the assumption that: (a) there are no major shortfalls in funding that might affect the assistance provided, the recruitment of staff and the timely delivery of products and services; (b) there is active participation and support of ECE member States; and (c) other organizations are willing and able to cooperate.

Outputs

19.24 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following final outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget): Economic Commission for Europe:

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session of the Commission (5); meetings of the Executive Committee (16); meetings of the Governing Council of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (2); meetings relating to follow-up of global conferences or cross-sectoral issues (10);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: documents for meetings of the Executive Committee (50); documents for meetings relating to global conferences or to cross-sectoral issues (6); documents for the biennial session of the Commission, including one on gender and the economy (8); documents for the meetings of the Governing Council of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with ESCAP (4); report of the biennial session of the Commission (1); reports of the meetings of the Governing Council of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with ESCAP (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: catalogue of ECE publications (2); Compendium of Legal Instruments, Norms and Standards (2); ECE annual report (2); report on the progress made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ECE region (1); update on the progress made in achieving the Goals in the ECE region (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: good practices on the economics of gender (1); publication on the Gunnar Myrdal lecture (2);

(iii) Fact-finding missions: good offices and special missions, including on behalf of the Secretary-General (2);

(iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: "UNECE Weekly" (2); booklet on gender and economy (1); production of 2 sets of information materials (CD-ROMs, brochures, banners, panels, posters and postcards) (2); "What UNECE Does for You" (brochures) (12);

(v) Press releases, press conferences: press conferences on ECE activities (2); press releases on ECE activities (2);

(vi) Special events: Gunnar Myrdal lecture (2);

(vii) Technical material: maintenance of the website of the Executive Committee (2); maintenance of the Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit Intranet site (2); maintenance of the gender website and the knowledge hub on gender and economy (2); maintenance of the iSeek "Admin made easy" guide (2); maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to ECE as a whole (2);

(viii) Contribution to joint outputs: contribution of substantive inputs to the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* annual report (2); contribution of substantive inputs to various reports for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and related bodies (2).

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: advisory services to countries of Central Asia, the Caucasus and South-Eastern Europe on economics and gender (2); advisory/fact-finding missions related to the Millennium Development Goals (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: training courses on women's entrepreneurship (2);

(iii) Field projects: project on mainstreaming gender into economic policies related to the Working Group on Gender and Economy of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with ESCAP (1);

(d) Conference services, administration, oversight (regular budget):

(i) Programme planning, budget and accounts: coordination and preparation of the ECE biennial programme plan (1); coordination and preparation of the ECE programme budget (1);

(ii) Evaluations: coordination and quality assurance in relation to the biennial evaluations of subprogramme performance by sectoral committees (1); promotion of the undertaking of self-evaluations and the use of evaluation findings (1).

Table 19.9 **Resource requirements: executive direction and management**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	6 097.4	6 427.2	18	18
Non-post	574.1	595.1	—	—
Subtotal	**6 671.5**	**7 022.3**	**18**	**18**
Extrabudgetary	20.5	10.2	—	—
Total	**6 692.0**	**7 032.5**	**18**	**18**

19.25 The proposed resources for executive direction and management, which amount to $7,022,300, reflecting a net increase of $350,800, comprise: (a) $6,427,200 for the funding of 18 posts (11 Professional and 7 General Service), reflecting a net increase of $329,800 owing to the delayed impact of one post at the P-4 level, effective 1 January 2009, established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities ($270,600); and the inward redeployment to the Information Unit of one post at the P-5 level from subprogramme 1, Environment, partially offset by the outward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level from the Information Unit to subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population ($59,200); and (b) $595,100 for non-post requirements, reflecting an increase of $21,000 relating to contractual services.

19.26 The inward redeployment of one post at the P-5 level from subprogramme 1, Environment, is intended to address a request from member States of ECE following the reform carried out in 2006 that ECE enhance its communications, public relations and contacts with the media in order to achieve an increase in the number and enhanced quality of targeted materials and publications available on the Internet and to enhance the production of printed materials. The outward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level to subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and

population, is intended to address the need for higher-level support in servicing the Committee on Housing and Land Management with its enhanced programme element, which now includes energy efficiency of the housing sector linked to climate change.

19.27 The increase of $21,000 for external printing under contractual services is due to additional requirements for the translation into languages of developing countries and countries with economies in transition of documents and materials required for meetings and seminars that cannot be carried out by Conference Services.

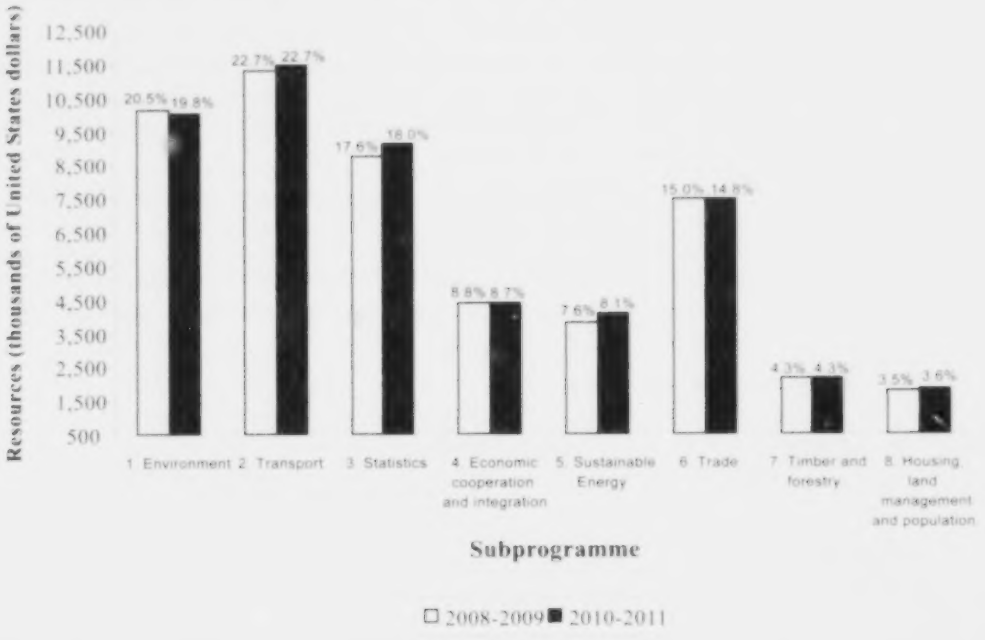
19.28 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $10,200 under executive direction and management will finance the activities related to the 15-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the follow-up to the global Beijing review event. Projected 2010-2011 extrabudgetary resources are based on currently available funds in the trust fund. No indication has been received concerning the availability of additional funding.

C. Programme of work

Table 19.10 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Subprogramme	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
1. Environment	10 121.8	10 006.0	32	32
2. Transport	11 273.8	11 419.7	37	38
3. Statistics	8 738.5	9 092.6	30	30
4. Economic cooperation and integration	4 388.9	4 388.9	13	13
5. Sustainable energy	3 799.9	4 070.0	12	12
6. Trade	7 447.6	7 447.6	24	24
7. Timber and forestry	2 161.5	2 161.5	7	7
8. Housing, land management and population	1 758.6	1 815.1	6	6
Subtotal	**49 690.6**	**50 401.4**	**161**	**162**
Extrabudgetary	25 365.0	24 341.6	21	22
Total	**75 055.6**	**74 743.0**	**182**	**184**

Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



Subprogramme 1
Environment

Resource requirements (before recosting): $10,006,000

19.29 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 1 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.11 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To safeguard the environment and health, improve environmental management throughout the region and further promote integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	(a) Increased number of countries applying the environmental indicators as defined in the ECE guidelines for the application of environmental indicators

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: no countries Estimate 2008-2009: 6 countries Target 2010-2011: 11 countries
(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE regional environmental commitments by member States	(b) Increased number of reports from countries indicating progress in implementing legally binding instruments *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 131 reports Estimate 2008-2009: 140 reports Target 2010-2011: 150 reports
(c) Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition	(c) (i) Increased number of countries with improved environmental performance as measured by a set of indicators developed for environmental performance reviews *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 7 countries Estimate 2008-2009: 10 countries Target 2010-2011: 14 countries (ii) Increased number of recommendations which have contributed to policy formulation and implementation as reported by the reviewed countries *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 155 recommendations Estimate 2008-2009: 255 recommendations Target 2010-2011: 385 recommendations

External factors

19.30 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that, at the national, regional and local levels, there is: (a) political will and sufficient capacity to integrate environmental concerns in policy formulation and to implement national legislation transposing the ECE environmental legal agreements; and (b) sufficient awareness of environmental issues and active support of the public in the implementation of national and regional policies.

Outputs

19.31 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee on Environmental Policy:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Committee on Environmental Policy, including follow-up to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" as it relates to the mandate of the Committee (25); Bureau of the Committee (12); Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (4); Expert Group on Environmental Performance (10); Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development (4); Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (6); Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (5);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for the Regional Implementation Meeting (2); reports of the Committee on Environmental Policy (5); reports of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (2); reports of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (2); reports of the meetings of the Bureau (4); report on the Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development (1); reports on environmental monitoring (6); reports related to the environmental performance reviews (5); reports for the preparation of the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (5);

(ii) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Legal Board (6); Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (8); Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (8); Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (6); Working Group on Water and Health (8); Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (2); reports of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (2); reports under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (8); report of the second Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (1); reports of the Working Group on Water and Health (2); reports under the Protocol on Water and Health (10);

(iii) Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (6); Working Group on Implementation (4); Working Group on the Development of the Convention (4); consultation of points of contact (2); joint expert group on water and industrial accidents (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (1); report on implementation of the Convention (1); reports under the Convention (10);

(iv) Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Executive Body for the Convention (14); Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (12); Working Group on Effects (12); Working Group on Strategies and Review (22);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme (2); reports of the Working Group on Effects (2); reports of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (5); reports of the Executive Body (2); reports under the Convention (29);

(v) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Environmental Impact Assessment Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Implementation Committee (20); Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (6); Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (6); Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (12); Working Group on Strategic Environmental Assessment (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (1); report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports of the Implementation Committee (4); reports of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (2); reports of the Working Group on Strategic Environmental Assessment (2); reports under the Convention (10);

(vi) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (6); Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (3); Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (16); Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (12); Compliance Committee under the Convention (48);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports of the Compliance Committee under the Convention (8); reports under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (8); report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (1); reports of the Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (3); reports of the Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (2); reports under the Convention (12);

(vii) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the annual session of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee (1); reports requested by the Steering Committee (7);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: Air Pollution Studies Series (2); Strategies and policies: summary of the 2010 major review under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (1); Water Series (2); Capacity for Water Cooperation Series (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: environmental performance reviews of specific member countries (4); Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context: review of implementation (1); Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context: legal text (1); Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context: practical guidelines (1); reprint of the Aarhus Convention text incorporating the genetically modified organisms (GMO) amendment once it enters into force (1); handbook for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (1); second Assessment of transboundary waters in the ECE region (1); summary for policymakers of the second Assessment of transboundary waters in the ECE region (1); guidelines on setting targets, evaluating progress and reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health (1); guidelines on surveillance of water-related disease (1); good practices on equitable access to water (1); guidance on water and adaptation to climate change (1); guidelines for water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events (1); guide for ratifying and implementing the Water Convention (1);

(iii) Press releases, press conferences: press releases (2);

(iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet on environmental performance reviews (1); booklet on the Water Convention (1); booklets on the Protocol on Water and Health (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: advisory services to countries with economies in transition related to environmental performance reviews (2); launch events of environmental performance reviews (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: subregional workshops promoting implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (4); workshops promoting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (4); workshops on the management of transboundary waters (2); workshops on water and health (2); workshops on the implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (8); workshops on the implementation of the protocols to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (10);

(iii) Field projects: efficient use of energy and water resources in Central Asia (1); Central Asia Regional Water Information Base project (phase II) (1); capacity-building activities of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (1).

Table 19.12 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	9 957.3	9 841.5	32	32
Non-post	164.5	164.5	—	—
Subtotal	**10 121.8**	**10 006.0**	**32**	**32**
Extrabudgetary	12 231.8	15 242.8	8	9
Total	**22 353.6**	**25 248.8**	**40**	**41**

19.32 The proposed resources for subprogramme 1, Environment, which amount to $10,006,000, reflecting a net decrease of $115,800, comprise: (a) $9,841,500 for the funding of 32 posts (21 Professional and 11 General Service), reflecting a net decrease of $115,800 due to the outward redeployment of one post at the P-5 level to the Information Unit of the executive direction and management component, partially offset by the inward redeployment of one post at the P-3 level from subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population; and (b) $164,500 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts and travel of staff.

19.33 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $15,242,800 under this subprogramme will assist countries with economies in transition in the implementation of ECE legal instruments, norms and standards. Projected 2010-2011 extrabudgetary resources are based on a known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Resource requirements (before recosting): $11,419,700

19.34 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 2 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.13 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened legal and regulatory framework for international land transport covering road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport modes, as well as infrastructure and services, and border crossing facilitation, transport of dangerous goods, vehicle construction and other transport issues	(a) (i) Increased share of the legal instruments in force relative to the total number of agreed ECE legal instruments on transport (56 major legal instruments) *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 80 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 85 per cent Target 2010-2011: 87 per cent (ii) The number of new vehicle regulations and amendments *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 137 amendments and regulations Estimate 2008-2009: 130 amendments and regulations Target 2010-2011: 130 amendments and regulations (iii) The number of international legal instruments amended to reflect the latest revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 3 legal instruments Estimate 2008-2009: 6 legal instruments Target 2010-2011: 6 legal instruments
(b) Improved law enforcement and increased implementation of the ECE legal instruments and recommendations on transport	(b) (i) Increased number of States parties to ECE legal instruments on transport *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 1,601 participations by States Estimate 2008-2009: 1,620 participations by States

	Target 2010-2011: 1,640 participations by States (ii) Number of implementation monitoring mechanisms in place as agreed by the member States *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 1 mechanism Estimate 2008-2009: 5 mechanisms Target 2010-2011: 8 mechanisms
(c) Enhanced national capacity for the development of Pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure, in particular in Eastern and South-Eastern European countries, as well as in South Caucasian and Central Asian countries	(c) (i) Increased number of States parties to 4 key agreements leading to enhanced coverage of the ECE region by transport infrastructure agreements *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 107 States parties Estimate 2008-2009: 113 States parties Target 2010-2011: 119 States parties (ii) Increased number of ECE countries participating in subregional projects, leading to enhanced coverage of the ECE region by regional and subregional transport investment plans *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 41 countries Estimate 2008-2009: 45 countries Target 2010-2011: 49 countries
(d) Enhanced trade and transport facilitation with special attention to landlocked transition economies and their transit neighbours as a result of the extended implementation of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention)	(d) Increase in the number of TIR Carnets issued *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 6.1 million carnets issued Estimate 2008-2009: 6.2 million carnets issued Target 2010-2011: 6.3 million carnets issued

External factors

19.35 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) consensus can be achieved among the various interested parties on the updating of existing legal instruments and the development of new ones; (b) the environment is conducive to the ratification of or accession to ECE legal instruments in the transport sector; (c) governments and parliaments decide to establish, implement and enforce related national

legislation; (d) there is a stable political climate in member countries enabling the extension of transport infrastructure and networks and the facilitation of border crossings; (e) there is sufficient national funding available to implement legal instruments; and (f) there is adequate voluntary funding available for infrastructure projects.

Outputs

19.36 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Inland Transport Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); Bureau of the Committee (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: analysis of the transport situation in ECE member countries and emerging development trends (2); reports of the annual session of the Committee (2); reports on activities regarding assistance to countries with economies in transition (2); reports on the status of application of international transport agreements and conventions (2);

(ii) Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session of the Committee of Experts (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document for the Committee of Experts (1); report of the biennial session of the Committee of Experts (1); report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Committee of Experts (1);

(iii) Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Subcommittee of Experts (53);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (2); reports of the Subcommittee of Experts (4);

(iv) Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Subcommittee of Experts (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (2); reports of the Subcommittee of Experts (4);

(v) World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, including the Administrative/Executive Committee of the 1958, 1997 and 1998 Agreements (48); Working Party on Noise (20); Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (28); Working Party on General Safety Provisions (28); Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling (28); Working Party on Passive

Safety (28); Working Party on Pollution and Energy (28); Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: consolidated resolution on the construction of vehicles (1); series of documents on amendments to legal instruments on the construction of motor vehicles (20); reports on the status of the 1958 Agreement (6), the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections (6), and the 1998 Global Agreement (6); reports of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (4); reports of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (4); reports of the Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling (4); reports of the Working Party on Noise (4); reports of the Working Party on Passive Safety (4); reports of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (4); reports of the sessions of the World Forum, including the reports of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work and the Administrative Executive Committees of the 1958, 1997 and 1998 Agreements (6);

(vi) Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (16);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to Be Used for Such Carriage (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2);

(vii) Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party (40); joint meetings of the Committee of Experts of the Regulations concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail and the Working Party (45); Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee) (20); ADN Administrative Committee (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), RID and ADN (8); reports of the joint meeting of experts on the regulations annexed to ADN (4); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (4); reports of the joint meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party (4); reports of the sessions of the ADN Administrative Committee (4); list of amendments to the 2007 version of ADN (1) and to the 2007 version of ADR (1);

(viii) Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on Euro-Asian transport links (2); documents on ports as the interface between inland and maritime transport (2); documents on supply chain challenges for transport (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2);

(ix) Working Party on Transport Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for the sessions of the Working Party (12); documents on transport indicators (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2);

(x) Working Party on Road Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (12); ad hoc meeting on the implementation of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (2); documents on amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) (4); documents on implementation of AETR (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2); reports on activities carried out under the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) project (2); review of the TEM/Trans-European Railway (TER) master plans (1); proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS) (1);

(xi) Working Party on Road Traffic Safety:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party (28);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on the implementation of the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (1); documents on amendments to the 1968 Conventions (4); documents on national requirements in the field of road traffic safety (2); documents on the revision of consolidated resolutions on road traffic and road signs and signals (4); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (4);

(xii) Working Party on Rail Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) (4); documents on rail management issues (2); documents on accessibility of passenger rail transport (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2); reports on activities carried out under the Trans-European Railway project (2);

(xiii) Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) (2); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (4);

(xiv) Working Party on Inland Water Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (12); Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) (2); reports of the annual session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (2);

reports of the Working Party on Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (4);

(xv) Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party (36); Informal ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (16); Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (2); Administrative Committee for the TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers) Convention (8); TIR Executive Board (24);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on the implementation of the TIR Convention (40); documents on the implementation of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (8); documents on the computerization of the TIR procedure (12); documents on the implementation of other border crossing facilitation conventions (2); report of the Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (6); reports of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention (4); [illegible] meetings of the TIR Executive Board (8); reports of the informal ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (4);

(xvi) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session of the Steering Committee (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the annual session of the Steering Committee (1); reports requested by the Steering Committee (6);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to Be Used for Such Carriage* (1); *ATP Handbook* (1); *TIR Handbook* (1); *Bulletin of Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America* (Internet only) (2); *Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe* (Internet only) (2); European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (hard copy and CD-ROM) (1); European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (1); Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (1); map of the e-road network (1); map of the European railways network (1); recommendations on technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (1); United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (model regulations) (hard copy and CD-ROM) (1); United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Tests and Criteria (1); European Code for Inland Waterways (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: white paper on trends in and development of inland navigation (1); update of *World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulation: How it works, How to join it* (1); TEM and TER master plans (revised) (1); fuel efficiency of vehicles to abate transport CO_2 emissions (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: handbook on transport statistics (2); information material such as the Directory of the Committee on Inland Transport (6);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of the International TIR Databank (ITDB) on transport operators, including its online version (2); development of the ITDB online project (1); development and maintenance of the online Register of Customs Sealing Devices and Customs Stamps (1); maintenance of the TIR website (2); maintenance of an Internet map of combined transport (2); maintenance of a Web-based inventory of existing AGC and AGTC standards and parameters (2); maintenance of databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment (2); maintenance of the website, providing meeting documents, publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (2); vehicle regulations and their amendments (2);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: transport facilitation and application of the TIR Convention (4); Agreements on Construction of Vehicles (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: advisory services on legal instruments relating to facilitation of transport (2), border crossing (2), road safety (2), vehicle construction (2) and transport of dangerous goods and other special cargoes (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminars on selected topics under the TEM and TER projects (intelligent transport systems, infrastructure charging, intermodal transport, new technologies in railway transport operations, logistics centres/freight villages, border crossings) (4);

(iii) Field projects: TEM project (1); TER project (1); development of Euro-Asian transport links, phase II (1); electronic pre-arrival notification for TIR transports arriving in the Russian Federation, pilot project (1); projects related to the Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing facilitation of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (1).

Table 19.14 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	11 080.8	11 247.1	37	38
Non-post	193.0	172.6	—	—
Subtotal	**11 273.8**	**11 419.7**	**37**	**38**
Extrabudgetary	2 884.2	4 192.1	7	7
Total	**14 158.0**	**15 611.8**	**44**	**45**

19.37 The proposed resources for subprogramme 2, Transport, which amount to $11,419,700, reflecting a net increase of $145,900, comprise: (a) $11,247,100 for the funding of 38 posts (23 Professional and 15 General Service), reflecting an increase of $166,300 due to the proposed establishment of

one P-3 post, Economic Affairs Officer; and (b) $172,600 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $20,400 relating to contractual services.

19.38 The proposed new P-3 post would be responsible for work related to fuel standards and on global warming abatement in response to the decision of the Governments that are members of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.

19.39 The decrease of $20,400 for external printing under contractual services reflects printing requirements that would be met from in-house resources.

19.40 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $4,192,100 will: (a) enable the supervision, on behalf of the Contracting Parties to the Convention, of the application of the TIR Customs transit regime, including the operation of the TIR guarantee system and the fulfilment of the functions entrusted to it by the TIR Administrative Committee; (b) undertake activities relating to the TEM and TER projects; (c) implement the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme); and (d) enable the organization of capacity-building workshops. Projected 2010-2011 extrabudgetary resources are based on a known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Resource requirements (before recosting): $9,092,600

19.41 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 3 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.15 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To improve the reliability of national official statistics and their comparability at the international level, and to ensure the coordination of international statistical activities undertaken in the region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work between international organizations through elimination of overlaps and gaps	(a) The number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities in the integrated presentation of international statistical work programmes *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 26 organizations Estimate 2008-2009: 26 organizations Target 2010-2011: 26 organizations

(b) Increased timeliness, comparability, completeness and reliability, of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics, in particular about the less advanced countries of the region	(b) (i) Increased percentage of available data of good quality in the overview tables (percentage of filled data cells compared with the total number of data cells) *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 53 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent (ii) Increased percentage of users that express, through user surveys, satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 81 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 85 per cent Target 2010-2011: 87 per cent
(c) Enhanced set of internationally recommended standards and practices to ensure comparable statistics	(c) (i) Increased number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations to which ECE has contributed significantly in substance *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 3 new or revised standards Estimate 2008-2009: 4 new or revised standards Target 2010-2011: 4 new or revised standards (ii) The number of statistical areas (according to the Database of International Statistical Activities classification) in which ECE undertakes substantive methodological work *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 21 areas Estimate 2008-2009: 23 areas Target 2010-2011: 23 areas

(d) Progress in implementation of international standards and good practices by statistical systems, in particular in less developed countries of the region	(d) (i) Increased number of countries ensuring better compliance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics through revision of their national statistical legislation *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 6 new countries Estimate 2008-2009: 5 new countries Target 2010-2011: 4 new countries (ii) Increased number of ECE recommendations implemented at the country level to improve national institutional frameworks for official statistics *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 45 new recommendations Estimate 2008-2009: 30 new recommendations Target 2010-2011: 30 new recommendations

External factors

19.42 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is a willingness to cooperate on the part of international statistical agencies active in the ECE region, in particular the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank, and on the part of the national statistical offices of ECE member countries; (b) data needed for the ECE statistical databases are made available by the national statistical agencies and by Eurostat, OECD and IMF free of charge; (c) resources are available in order to provide technical assistance for the national statistical offices of countries with economies in transition; and (d) the technological infrastructure is sufficiently scaled to support activities related to databases and Web dissemination.

Outputs

19.43 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget): Conference of European Statisticians:

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Conference (10); Bureau of the Conference (16); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of demographic and social statistics (42); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of economic statistics (18); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of statistical information systems (42); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of environment statistics

and statistics for sustainable development (18); regional meeting on Millennium Development Goals indicators, in cooperation with the Statistical Division at Headquarters and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (4);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians (2); papers for intergovernmental meetings on statistics for sustainable development (4); papers for intergovernmental meetings on demographic and social statistics (17); papers for intergovernmental meetings on economic statistics (9); papers for intergovernmental meetings on statistical information systems (10); papers for the coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region (44); papers on issues of interest to the heads of national statistical offices (34); papers for the regional meeting on Millennium Development Goals indicators (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: *Countries in Figures 2011* (Europe, Central Asia, North America) (1); methodological materials (4); statistical monographs (2); publications in "Statistical Standards and Studies" series (4);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: awareness materials on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; Conference of European Statisticians: integrated work programme, gender and macroeconomic statistical databases, highlights of socio-economic indicators in the region (6);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of the website, providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2); updated Database of International Statistical Activities (2); updated ECE gender statistics database (2); updated ECE macroeconomic database (2); establishment of a database on Millennium Development Goals indicators (1); updated database on Millennium Development Goals indicators (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: ad hoc consultations with experts in national statistical offices on their compilation of statistical data needed by ECE for analytical and publication purposes (2); consultations with the management of national statistical offices on the application of international statistical standards and the improvement of national statistical systems (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meetings, training workshops and seminars with externally funded (UNDP, World Bank, etc.) regional statistical projects (4); meetings, training workshops and seminars within the framework of the Development Account project (4).

Table 19.16 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	8 592.3	8 946.4	30	30
Non-post	146.2	146.2	—	—
Subtotal	**8 738.5**	**9 092.6**	**30**	**30**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2008-2009	2010-2011 (before recosting)	Posts 2008-2009	2010-2011
Extrabudgetary	548.1	—	—	—
Total	**9 286.6**	**9 092.6**	**30**	**30**

19.44 The proposed resources for subprogramme 3, Statistics, which amount to $9,092,600, reflecting an increase of $354,100, comprise: (a) $8,946,400 for the funding of 30 posts (19 Professional and 11 General Service), reflecting an increase of $354,100 due to the delayed impact of one post at the P-3 level established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, and one post at the P-2 level established in the biennium 2008-2009; and (b) $146,200 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts and travel of staff.

Subprogramme 4
Economic cooperation and integration

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,388,900

19.45 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Integration Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 4 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.17 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment more conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities in the ECE region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased knowledge of good practices and policies on financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities leading to the formulation of related ECE policy recommendations	(a) The number of policy recommendations resulting from the exchange of good practices and policy experience among member States *Performance measures:* 2006-2007: 5 recommendations Estimate 2008-2009: 8 recommendations Target 2010-2011: 8 recommendations
(b) Enhanced implementation of the aforementioned ECE policy recommendations	(b) Increased number of practical steps taken by Governments and other stakeholders to implement the policy recommendations

	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: 2 practical steps
	Estimate 2008-2009: 5 practical steps
	Target 2010-2011: 8 practical steps
(c) Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote the good practices and implement the aforementioned ECE policy recommendations	(c) The number of country-level follow-up activities resulting from training and other capacity-building activities
	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: not available
	Estimate 2008-2009: 3 activities
	Target 2010-2011: 10 activities

External factors

19.46 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is active participation and contribution by specialists from governments, academia and the private sector at expert group meetings and in expert networks created under the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration; (b) governments are willing to engage in policy debates and to take steps to implement policy recommendations adopted by the Committee; (c) extrabudgetary resources match the increasing demand from member States with economies in transition for capacity-building and policy advisory services.

Outputs

19.47 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget): Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration:

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); team of specialists on public-private partnerships (6); team of specialists on innovation and competitiveness policies (6); team of specialists on intellectual property (6); other expert group meetings, including meetings on entrepreneurship and enterprise development, financing innovative development and other aspects of economic cooperation and integration (12); economic forum of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (4);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: documents for the annual sessions of the Committee (8); documents for meetings of teams of specialists and other expert group meetings (8); reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2); reports of the meetings of the teams of specialists and other expert group meetings (8);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: comparative reviews and analytical reports (4); guidebooks and toolkits for capacity-building (3);

(ii) Technical material: maintenance of the virtual platform for the exchange of information and experience (2); maintenance of website providing access to information and documents related to activities of the subprogramme (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: training courses (6) and policy advisory seminars (6) in the fields covered by the programme of work;

(ii) Field projects: development of sustainable biomass trade and export opportunities for selected regions of the Russian Federation (1); capacity-building for civil servants and business associations in the area of competitiveness and innovative policies, including through the commercialization of intellectual property and the promotion of public-private partnerships (1); project related to the Working Group on Knowledge-based Development of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with ESCAP (1).

Table 19.18 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	4 271.8	4 271.8	13	13
Non-post	117.1	117.1	—	—
Subtotal	**4 388.9**	**4 388.9**	**13**	**13**
Extrabudgetary	870.9	428.7	1	1
Total	**5 259.8**	**4 817.6**	**14**	**14**

19.48 The proposed resources for subprogramme 4, Economic cooperation and integration, amounting to $4,388,900, comprise: (a) $4,271,800 for the funding of 13 posts (9 Professional and 4 General Service); and (b) $117,100 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts, travel of staff and contractual services.

19.49 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $428,700 will be utilized to implement activities related to the following projects: (a) development of sustainable biomass trade and export opportunities for selected regions of the Russian Federation; and (b) capacity-building for civil servants and business associations in the area of competitiveness and innovative policies, including through commercialization of intellectual property and promotion of public-private partnerships. A projected net decrease in extrabudgetary resources for 2010-2011 is based on a reduced number of projects in view of the completion of 2008-2009 projects.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,070,000

19.50 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Energy Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 5 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.19 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To move towards a more sustainable development path for the production and use of energy and the fuller integration of the energy infrastructure and energy markets of the countries in the region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Progress towards sustainable energy development, in particular cleaner energy production, energy security and diversification of energy sources	(a) (i) Percentage of survey respondents indicating that they have undertaken concrete actions or policy changes as a result of a dialogue between governments, industry and the financial sector *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 55 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 65 per cent (ii) Percentage of survey respondents indicating that they find ECE information, technical and policy-oriented reports on sustainable energy issues very useful *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 46 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 65 per cent
(b) Progress in addressing energy conservation and efficiency issues across the ECE region, especially those leading to a reduction in energy-related environmental impacts, including progress in the formation of energy efficiency markets in economies in transition	(b) Increased number of energy efficiency investment projects developed under the ECE Energy Efficiency 21 Project that have been approved for financing in the countries with economies in transition *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: no projects Estimate 2008-2009: 14 projects Target 2010-2011: 16 projects

(c) Further extension and implementation of ECE recommendations/guidelines and instruments for sustainable energy development, in particular the extension and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources	(c) (i) Increased number of professional organizations and international standard-setting organizations supporting the further development and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources, including as a basis for financial reporting standards for extractive activities *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 7 new organizations Estimate 2008-2009: 4 new organizations Target 2010-2011: 5 new organizations (ii) Increased number of countries expressing intent to apply the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources in their fossil energy and uranium resources management *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 18 countries Estimate 2008-2009: 8 countries Target 2010-2011: 10 countries
(d) Progress in implementation of projects in support of sustainable energy development	(d) Increased volume of diesel fuel replaced by natural gas in commercial vehicles on the Blue Corridor Project road transport itinerary across Europe *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 96,000 tons Estimate 2008-2009: 320,000 tons Target 2010-2011: 350,000 tons

External factors

19.51 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that at the national, regional and local levels, there is: (a) political will and sufficient capacity to integrate environmental concerns in policy formulation and to implement national legislation transposing ECE environmental legal agreements; and (b) sufficient awareness and participation of the public to promote the implementation of national and regional policies.

Outputs

19.52 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee on Sustainable Energy:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); Bureau of the Committee (4); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology (12); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (4); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production for Coal and Other Fossil Fuels (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production for Coal and Other Fossil Fuels (2); report on clean coal technology development in countries with economies in transition (1); report on economic transition in the energy sector (1); report on emerging energy security risks in a global context (1); report on implementing the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources in ECE member States (1); report on new energy market developments in the ECE region (1); report on sustainable energy strategies, policies and options for ECE countries (1);

(ii) Working Party on Gas:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party on Gas (8); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Supply and Use of Gas (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party on Gas (2); reports of the annual meetings of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Supply and Use of Gas (2); developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks (1); economic reforms and restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe and their implications and significance for gas markets and the gas industry (1);

(iii) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Steering Committee (16); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Global Energy Efficiency 21 Project (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Steering Committee (2); report on energy efficiency and carbon trading (1); report on energy efficiency investments (1); reports on global cooperation on energy efficiency (2);

(iv) Advisory Board of the Gas Centre:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Advisory Board (4); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Implementation of the European Union Gas Directive (8); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Gas Transportation Tariffs (8); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Database (8); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Gas Strategic Issues (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on the status of the Gas Centre project (2); reports on workshops and high-level conferences (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: perceptions of energy security risk (1); sustainable energy policies to mitigate energy security risks (2); current state and prospects for liquefied natural gas in the ECE region (1); underground gas storage in the ECE region (1); energy efficiency and global climate change mitigation (1); financing global energy efficiency investments (1);

(ii) Press releases, press conferences: annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (2);

(iv) Seminars for outside users: energy efficiency policy reforms to promote investments (1); energy efficiency and secure energy supplies (1); interregional cooperation on project development, policy reforms and financing for climate change mitigation (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: Gas Centre (2); Energy Efficiency 21 (2); Global Energy Efficiency 21 (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: financial engineering and business planning (2); energy service company (ESCO) business development courses (2);

(iii) Field projects: development of the renewable energy sector in the Russian Federation and in countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): Energy Efficiency 21 (1); Global Energy Efficiency 21: study of the possible broadening of the interaction among the United Nations regional economic commissions in the field of energy and mitigation of climate change (1); prospects for interregional cooperation (1); increasing energy efficiency for secure energy supplies (1).

Table 19.20 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	3 727.3	3 997.4	12	12
Non-post	72.6	72.6	—	—
Subtotal	**3 799.9**	**4 070.0**	**12**	**12**
Extrabudgetary	6 533.5	3 149.0	4	4
Total	**10 333.4**	**7 219.0**	**16**	**16**

19.53 The proposed resources for subprogramme 5, Sustainable energy, which amount to $4,070,000, reflecting an increase of $270,100, comprise: (a) $3,997,400 for the funding of 12 posts (8 Professional and 4 General Service), reflecting an increase of $270,100 due to the delayed impact of one post at the P-4 level, effective 1 January 2009, established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities; and (b) $72,600 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts and travel of staff.

19.54 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $3,149,000 under the subprogramme will: (a) finance the participation of experts and participants from countries with economies in transition in the Energy Security Forum to review energy security risks, financial market reactions and potential energy policy responses; (b) implement activities of the project on financing energy efficiency investment for climate change mitigation; (c) implement the project on the promotion and development of a market-based gas industry in economies in transition (Gas Centre); and (d) implement other technical assistance and capacity-building projects in the countries of the ECE region. The projected net decrease in extrabudgetary resources for 2010-2011 is based on known projects that are scheduled for completion in 2008-2009 as well as projects of a sizeable value scheduled for completion in 2010-2011.

Subprogramme 6
Trade

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,447,600

19.55 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Timber Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 6 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.21 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate trade and trade-related economic cooperation among countries of the ECE region and with the rest of the world.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Adoption by member States of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce	(a) (i) The number of new and/or updated ECE recommendations, norms, standards and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 28 recommendations, etc. Estimate 2008-2009: 28 recommendations, etc. Target 2010-2011: 28 recommendations, etc. (ii) The number of new and/or updated ECE recommendations and standards for regulatory cooperation

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: 2 recommendations Estimate 2008-2009: 2 recommendations Target 2010-2011: 2 recommendations (iii) The number of new and/or updated ECE recommendations and standards for agricultural produce *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 36 recommendations Estimate 2008-2009: 25 recommendations Target 2010-2011: 25 recommendations
(b) Increased implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce	(b) (i) The number of national implementations of key trade facilitation and electronic business recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools in selected countries *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 29 implementations Estimate 2008-2009: 30 implementations Target 2010-2011: 32 implementations (ii) The cumulative total number of implementations of ECE agricultural quality standards in countries (total number of standards multiplied by total number of countries implementing them) *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 972 implementations Estimate 2008-2009: 982 implementations Target 2010-2011: 1,000 implementations (iii) The number of downloads of key recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools from the ECE Internet site, as a proxy for their use

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: 140,000 downloads Estimate 2008-2009: 160,000 downloads Target 2010-2011: 180,000 downloads
	(iv) The number of requests for assistance received from member States and other international organizations to assist in the promotion and implementation of ECE trade-related instruments
	Performance measures: 2006-2007: 20 requests Estimate 2008-2009: 20 requests Target 2010-2011: 20 requests

External factors

19.56 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is political will and cooperation among governments and international organizations; (b) information is available and provided by ECE member States; (c) there is active participation by specialists at ECE technical meetings; (d) negotiations begun in 2006 to transfer the work of OECD on explanatory brochures for ECE standards to ECE will be successfully completed.

Outputs

19.57 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following final outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee on Trade:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); Bureau of the Committee (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for the Committee (16); reports of the Committee (2);

(ii) Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for the annual sessions of the Working Party, including reports of the ad hoc team of specialists on regulatory techniques and the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (14); reports of the Working Party (2);

(iii) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (16); specialized section on standardization of dry and dried produce (14); specialized section on standardization of fresh fruit and vegetables (16); specialized section

on standardization of meat (12); specialized section on standardization of seed potatoes (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for the annual sessions of the Working Party, including consolidated texts of revised and new standards (50); reports of the Working Party (2); documents for the specialized sections (70); reports of the specialized sections (8);

(iv) Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (CEFACT):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of CEFACT plenary (16); management group of the memorandum of understanding on electronic business (8); meetings of the CEFACT Forum (40);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the CEFACT Forum to the plenary (2); other documents for the CEFACT plenary, including standards and recommendations (20); reports of the CEFACT plenary (2); revised baseline study on the implementation of CEFACT products and services (1); studies on topics related to trade facilitation implementation issues in transition economies (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Recurrent publications: Compendium of Norms, Standards and Best Practices for International Trade and Business (CD-ROM) (1); Trade Development Directory (Internet publication) (1); CEFACT Business Requirements Specifications Library (Internet publication) (2); CEFACT Core Component Library (Internet publication) (4); CEFACT Schema Library (Internet publication) (4); ECE Standards and Recommendations for Trade and Electronic Business (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Dry and Dried Produce (revision) (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (revision) (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Meat (revision) (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Seed Potatoes (revision) (Internet publication) (2); United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (Internet publication) (2); United Nations Trade Data Interchange Directory, also known as the United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport Directory (Internet publication) (4);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Recommendations on Standardization Policies (1); report on regulatory cooperation (1); ECE Standard for Meat — Carcasses and Cuts (4); interpretive guides for agricultural quality standards (4); Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business Guidelines (4);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: information kit on standardization policies (1); information brochure on agricultural standards (1); information brochures on trade facilitation and electronic business (2);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of the Multiplier Point Network website (2); maintenance of the website, providing documents and other information on the activities and work of the subprogramme (2); United Nations Electronic Trade Documents publications and web services (2); web services on the Internet for integration of ECE-recommended code lists (1); web services for the CEFACT Registry (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminars on ECE agricultural quality standards under the Development Account (3); seminars on data harmonization, single window, trade facilitation and policy issues in general under the Development Account and extrabudgetary resources (6);

(ii) Field projects: increased involvement of institutions in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries in drawing up and applying international standards for commercial agricultural products (1); establishing a mechanism of inter-agency cooperation for trade facilitation and building the environment for single window for export and import clearance in the Russian Federation (1).

Table 19.22 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	7 266.9	7 266.9	24	24
Non-post	180.7	180.7	—	—
Subtotal	**7 447.6**	**7 447.6**	**24**	**24**
Extrabudgetary	1 441.9	347.1	—	—
Total	**8 889.5**	**7 794.7**	**24**	**24**

19.58 The proposed resources for subprogramme 6, Trade, which amount to $7,447,600, comprise: (a) $7,266,900 for the funding of 24 posts (16 Professional and 8 General Service); and (b) $180,700 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and expert, travel of staff and contractual services.

19.59 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $347,100 under the subprogramme will: (a) support the implementation of ECE and CEFACT standards, recommendations and tools for trade facilitation in countries with economies in transition and further linking the economies in transition to the CEFACT process; and (b) provide capacity-building on good trade facilitation practices and on their implementation. The projected net decrease in extrabudgetary resources for 2010-2011 is based on known projects that are scheduled for completion in 2008-2009.

Subprogramme 7
Timber and forestry

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,161,500

19.60 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Timber Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 7 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.23 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the ECE region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding, based on better monitoring of sustainable forest management, encompassing: (i) policies and institutions; (ii) forest resources; (iii) sound use of wood, for material and energy purposes, in domestic and export markets; and (iv) the outlook for the sector in a broader, cross-sectoral context	(a) (i) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 65 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 65 per cent Target 2010-2011: 67 per cent (ii) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 65 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 65 per cent Target 2010-2011: 67 per cent (iii) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire (which monitors the sound use of wood) *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 66 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 68 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent

	(iv) Percentage of policymakers and other stakeholders regarding selected policy forums and workshops as useful *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not available Estimate 2008-2009: 75 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent
(b) Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level	(b) Percentage of participants in capacity-building activities regarding them as useful *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not available Estimate 2008-2009: 75 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent

External factors

19.61 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that there is: (a) continued active country participation (e.g., attendance at meetings, contribution to teams of specialists, provision of data or reports); (b) continued partnership with FAO, including its provision of staff and non-staff resources to implement the integrated ECE/FAO programme in this field; and (c) continued partnership with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, which provides policy direction and high-level support for activities.

Outputs

19.62 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Timber Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (14); Bureau of the Committee (12); FAO European Forestry Commission (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Committee, including its work programme (2); documents for the annual sessions of the Committee, including reports on market conditions for forest products and on support for the international forest dialogue (6);

(ii) Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party, including the work programme (2); substantive reports for the Working Party, including on forest resource information, markets/statistics and sector outlook studies (6); substantive reports for the FAO European Forestry Commission (3);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: Forest Products Annual Market Review (2); International Forest Fire News (4); Outlook for Forest Product Markets by the Timber Committee (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Geneva timber and forest study papers on topics to be identified, including forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment, forests and climate change (3); Geneva timber and forest discussion papers on topics to be identified, including country profiles, certified forest products, outlook studies, forest resource assessment, forestry assistance to countries with economies in transition, forest products markets and marketing, wood energy (6); European Forest Sector Outlook Study (Geneva timber and forest study paper) (1); report on *State of Europe's Forests 2011* (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: Timber Section quarterly newsletter (8); Timber Section publications announcements (6); information brochure on timber and forestry (1);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of a database on forest product production, consumption and trade, including prices and information on forest fires (2); maintenance of a database on forest resources (2); maintenance of a database on forest policies and institutions (1); maintenance of a website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2); maintenance of a database on wood energy (1);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars/workshops on topics to be determined by the Timber Committee (2); workshops/seminars organized jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (4);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops on sector issues, including capacity-building, marketing, resources, policies and institutions, with an emphasis on transition issues (4).

Table 19.24 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 7**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	2 103.5	2 103.5	7	7
Non-post	58.0	58.0	—	—
Subtotal	**2 161.5**	**2 161.5**	7	7
Extrabudgetary	193.2	367.3	—	—
Total	**2 354.7**	**2 528.8**	7	7

19.63 The proposed resources for subprogramme 7, Timber and forestry, which amount to $2,161,500, comprise: (a) $2,103,500 for the funding of 7 posts (4 Professional and 3 General Service); and (b) $58,000 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts and travel of staff.

19.64 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $367,300 under the subprogramme will finance consultants, travel of experts and contractual services as well as grants and contributions to support Geneva timber and forest study and discussion papers and the European Forest Sector Outlook Study. Projected 2010-2011 extrabudgetary resources are based on the current level of additional funding for the existing continuing trust fund.

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,815,100

19.65 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 8 of programme 16 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 19.25 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To improve housing, urban and land governance in the region as well as the knowledge base on population issues, strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies, enhancing social cohesion and developing capacities at the national and local levels.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved capacity for policy formulation and implementation in housing, planning and land administration in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	(a) (i) The number of new countries engaged in an ECE results-oriented assessment of their housing policies and land administration systems *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 16 countries Estimate 2008-2009: 20 countries Target 2010-2011: 24 countries (ii) The number of countries that are reported to have taken measures to improve housing policies and land management practices *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not available Estimate 2008-2009: 20 countries Target 2010-2011: 23 countries
(b) Strengthened implementation by countries of ECE guidelines on social housing, land administration, housing management and finance	(b) The number of countries that are reported to have taken measures to implement ECE recommendations and guidelines

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: not available Estimate 2008-2009: 15 countries Target 2010-2011: 20 countries
(c) Enhanced national policy formulation on population issues to meet the challenges of demographic change	(c) The number of countries that have adjusted their policies or introduced new measures in the policy areas decided upon at the 2007 ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, held in León, Spain *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not available Estimate 2008-2009: 22 countries Target 2010-2011: 26 countries

External factors

19.66 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) adequate national statistical data and information are available on the housing and land management situation, in particular for the preparation of the country profile studies on the housing sector and land administration reviews for countries with economies in transition; (b) political will and adequate institutions exist in member countries to implement the Committee's recommendations; (c) there is political will to support activities that improve the knowledge base and capacity for designing and implementing population-related policies and programmes; and (d) extrabudgetary resources are available for population-related activities.

Outputs

19.67 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee on Housing and Land Management:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (8); Bureau of the Committee (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background papers for in-depth discussions of the Committee (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2); reports on specific topics requested by the Committee (8);

(ii) Working Party on Land Administration:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session of the Working Party (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background paper for in-depth discussion of the Working Party (1); report of the biennial session of the Working Party (1); reports on specific topics requested by the Working Party (4);

(iii) Working Group on Ageing:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual meetings of the Working Group (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual meetings of the Working Group (2); progress reports on activities in the field of population ageing (2); reports on specific topics related to population (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: policy guidelines on housing and land management (1); country profiles (3); policy briefs on population ageing (4);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet and fact sheet of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (1); booklet of the Working Party on Land Administration (1); booklet of the Working Group on Ageing (1);

(iii) Press releases, press conferences: press releases (2);

(iv) Technical material: maintenance of the websites providing access to information and documents related to activities of the subprogramme (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: fact-finding and advisory missions in the preparation and follow-up of the country profiles on land administration and spatial planning (2); fact-finding and advisory missions for developing national capacities on designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops and seminars on housing and land administration, including real estate, and spatial planning (8); workshop on ageing (1);

(iii) Field projects: generations and gender survey in several countries (1).

Table 19.26 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	1 722.2	1 778.7	6	6
Non-post	36.4	36.4	—	—
Subtotal	**1 758.6**	**1 815.1**	**6**	**6**
Extrabudgetary	661.4	614.6	1	1
Total	**2 420.0**	**2 429.7**	7	7

19.68 The proposed resources for subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population, which amount to $1,815,100, reflecting a net increase of $56,500, comprise: (a) $1,778,700 for the funding of 6 posts (4 Professional and 2 General Service). The net increase of $56,500 under posts relates to the inward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level from the Information Unit of the executive direction and management component, partially offset by the outward redeployment of one post at the P-3 level to subprogramme 1, Environment; and (b) $36,400 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts and travel of staff.

19.69 The inward redeployment of one post at the P-4 level to subprogramme 8, Housing, land management and population, is intended to address the need for higher-level support in servicing the Committee on Housing and Land Management with its enhanced programme element, which now includes energy efficiency of the housing sector linked to climate change.

19.70 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $614,600 will: (a) finance the preparations of country profiles on the housing sector, land administration reviews and policy guidelines, including capacity-building activities to implement them, as well as support the work on energy efficiency in housing and the project on the management of multifamily housing; and (b) enable the coordination of the Generations and Gender Programme and the carrying out of expert missions to member States, as well as capacity-development activities in support of the ECE regional implementation strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. The projected decrease in extrabudgetary resources for 2010-2011 is due to one project having been completed in 2008, partially offset by additional known funding for new and existing projects.

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $8,425,900

19.71 The programme support component comprises the Executive Office, the Information Systems Unit, and the Technical Cooperation Unit. Services provided under this heading relate to budget and finance, human resources management, general and technical services, conference services, information technology services and coordination of functions for intersectoral and cross-sectoral activities.

Outputs

19.72 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered by the Executive Office and, for information-technology-related support, by the Information Systems Unit:

(a) Overall management: coordination of administrative support, including human resources, financial and budgetary support provided to ECE as a whole, and provision of guidance and supervision on control, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the ECE programme budget;

(b) General and technical service:

(i) Determination of ECE policy related to information technology strategies and acquisition plans; planning and coordination of informatic and telematic resources; collaborative work with service providers; and supervision, monitoring and control of all outsourced information technology operations;

(ii) Project management and establishment of information technology resources, provision of information technology services (Internet/Intranet, development of core ECE systems and groupware applications) to ECE divisions in support of the substantive programmes to improve cooperation with member States and other international organizations in the area of the collection, dissemination and communication of information;

(iii) Acquisition of information technology equipment and other equipment and furniture, materials and supplies; desktop configuration and installation, including security measures such as anti-virus software; provision of help desk services to ECE as a whole; installation of new infrastructure systems and services such as an archiving/documentation infrastructure or a Web content management system;

(iv) Operation and coordination of functions related to the Integrated Management Information System (or the future enterprise resource planning system) within ECE;

(c) Conference services:

(i) Establishment and management of the ECE programme of meetings, related documentation, facilities and services required in close coordination with conference services at Geneva; arrangements for ECE meetings hosted outside Geneva by member Governments; and informal meetings held outside Geneva within the context of the ECE programme of workshops for countries with economies in transition;

(ii) Preparation and organization of the biennial session of ECE, the sessions of the ECE Executive Committee and required documentation and meetings services;

(iii) Preparation and administration of the programme of publications;

(d) Programme budget and accounts:

(i) Preparation of the biennial programme budget and financial performance reports in liaison with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts;

(ii) Financial control and certification of all accounts under the responsibility of ECE in cooperation with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and the Financial Resources Management Service at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) Administration of technical cooperation activities and extrabudgetary resources within ECE, including regional advisory services under budget section 22, Regular programme of technical cooperation;

(e) Human resources management:

(i) Administration of ECE staff and other personnel, including recruitment, placement and career development, in coordination with the Human Resources Management Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Office of Human Resources Management at Headquarters;

(ii) Identification of staff training needs, including the provision of training to upgrade professional skills and in-house training in computer applications and arrangements for appropriate courses in cooperation with the Staff Development and Learning Service, United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) Staff-management relations in the context of the ECE Sectoral Assembly and elected staff representatives;

(f) Technical cooperation management:

(i) Reporting on technical cooperation issues and activities for the biennial sessions of ECE and meetings of the Executive Committee;

(ii) Supporting and coordinating the monitoring and evaluation of ECE technical assistance activities in cooperation with the Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, promoting the application of the evaluation findings and ensuring that those activities are in line with the ECE technical cooperation strategy;

(iii) Leading and providing secretariat support to the work of the ECE Working Group on Technical Cooperation and ensuring follow-up to that work;

(iv) Promoting and facilitating fund-raising in cooperation with ECE divisions and regional advisers, in particular the preparation of proposals for possible funding from the Development Account;

(v) Supporting and coordinating multisectoral/intersectoral technical assistance activities relating to ECE areas of expertise, including those developed within a subregional framework;

(vi) Facilitating the linking of ECE activities with the work of the relevant United Nations country teams, when appropriate;

(vii) Preparation of relevant inputs to the report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, as may be required by Headquarters.

Table 19.27 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	5 346.1	5 547.6	20	20
Non-post	3 000.1	2 878.3	–	–
Subtotal	**8 364.2**	**8 425.9**	**20**	**20**
Extrabudgetary	1 648.1	2 207.5	4	4
Total	**10 012.3**	**10 633.4**	**24**	**24**

19.73 The proposed resources for programme support, which amount to $8,425,900, reflecting a net increase of $61,700, comprise: (a) $5,547,600 for the funding of 20 posts (10 Professional and 10 General Service), reflecting an increase of $183,500 owing to the delayed impact of one post at the P-3 level, effective 1 January 2009, established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities; and (b) $2,878,300, reflecting a net decrease of $121,800 for non-post requirements relating to consultants and experts, contractual services, furniture and equipment, and grants and contributions.

19.74 The net decrease of $121,800 under non-post requirements is the net result of decreased requirements for consultancy services, as the provision of external specialized expertise in the area of information and communications technology is planned to be obtained through the use of contractual services; reduced requirements for the acquisition and replacement of office furniture and equipment, in line with the replacement/useful life cycle of the equipment; and decreased requirements under grants and contributions, reflecting a reduction in the cost of some of the services provided by the Information and Communication Technology Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the International Computing Centre, partially offset by increased requirements for contractual services to implement a Web Content Management System project and to upgrade all of the desktops in response to information technology security concerns.

19.75 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $2,207,500 will: (a) support and coordinate multisectoral/intersectoral technical cooperation activities relating to ECE areas of expertise (trade and trade facilitation, transport, energy, environment, public-private partnerships, competitiveness and innovation), including those developed within a subregional framework such as the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; and

(b) supplement the Executive Office staff in providing administrative support for the extrabudgetary activities of ECE. Projected 2010-2011 extrabudgetary resources are based on a current and projected level of funding for a new project under the Technical Cooperation Unit and additional staffing requirement of the Executive Office under the programme support component.

Table 19.28 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of oversight bodies**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7 and Corr.1)	
The Advisory Committee continues to emphasize the importance of reducing the relative weight of administrative support costs compared with the resources allocated to the substantive activities of the programme of work, which benefit the Member States directly. It remains convinced that there is room for further improvements in work processes, eliminating inefficiencies and duplications as well as for generating additional synergies among the regional commissions. It urges the commissions to continue to pursue such efforts vigorously (para. V.3)	The United Nations Office at Geneva provides administrative support to ECE. ECE will continue to work closely with the Office in order to introduce improvements in work processes. Further, ECE will continue to coordinate with the regional commissions in order to enhance synergies. Concerning information and communications technology (ICT) processes, ECE is actively coordinating with Headquarters, notably the Office of Information and Communications Technology and other offices away from Headquarters on ICT-related matters such as information technology infrastructure, global projects and ICT standards. For the latter, it should be noted that ECE continues to follow all standards as outlined and approved by the Office of Information and Communications Technology. Any new ICT projects/initiatives are documented in a "business case", presented to the in-house information technology committee and subsequently, if needed, to the global Project Review Committee at Headquarters. Regarding the relationship with the United Nations Office at Geneva on information technology-related matters, the Office's Information and Communication Technology Service and ECE have put in place a service agreement (since 2002), which is revised and adapted on an annual basis.
The Advisory Committee encourages the commissions to take action to further reduce the number of days Professional posts remain vacant and to meet the organizational target (para. V.6)	For upcoming staff retirements at the Professional level and above, ECE supervisors/ Programme Case officers are requested to start the vacancy announcement preparation as early as 10 months before the retirement due date, in order to allow for its circulation 6 to 8 months before the retirement date.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
	For unforeseen vacancies due to transfers, promotions and resignations, programme managers are requested to promptly start the vacancy announcement preparation once ECE management has been notified of the status of the incumbency of the post.
The Advisory Committee recalls its view that the considerable investments made in communications infrastructure should lead to reduced requirements for travel. It also emphasizes that travel should always be justified on the basis of functional requirements and requests that the regional commissions continue to monitor official travel closely (para. V.10).	Travel is normally undertaken when the use of Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible or would not provide the desired results. To the extent possible, missions continue to be planned back-to-back to save on travel costs. In 2008, ECE hosted 27 videoconferences and participated in approximately 30 hosted by the United Nations Office at Geneva and by Headquarters for meetings with the Department of Management. While there is no discernible reduction in staff travel costs, the use of information and communications technology infrastructure has actually contributed to reducing the overall increase in such costs resulting from the growing need for ECE staff to participate in meetings, the higher cost of travel in general and in particular in Central Asia, where travel is expensive.

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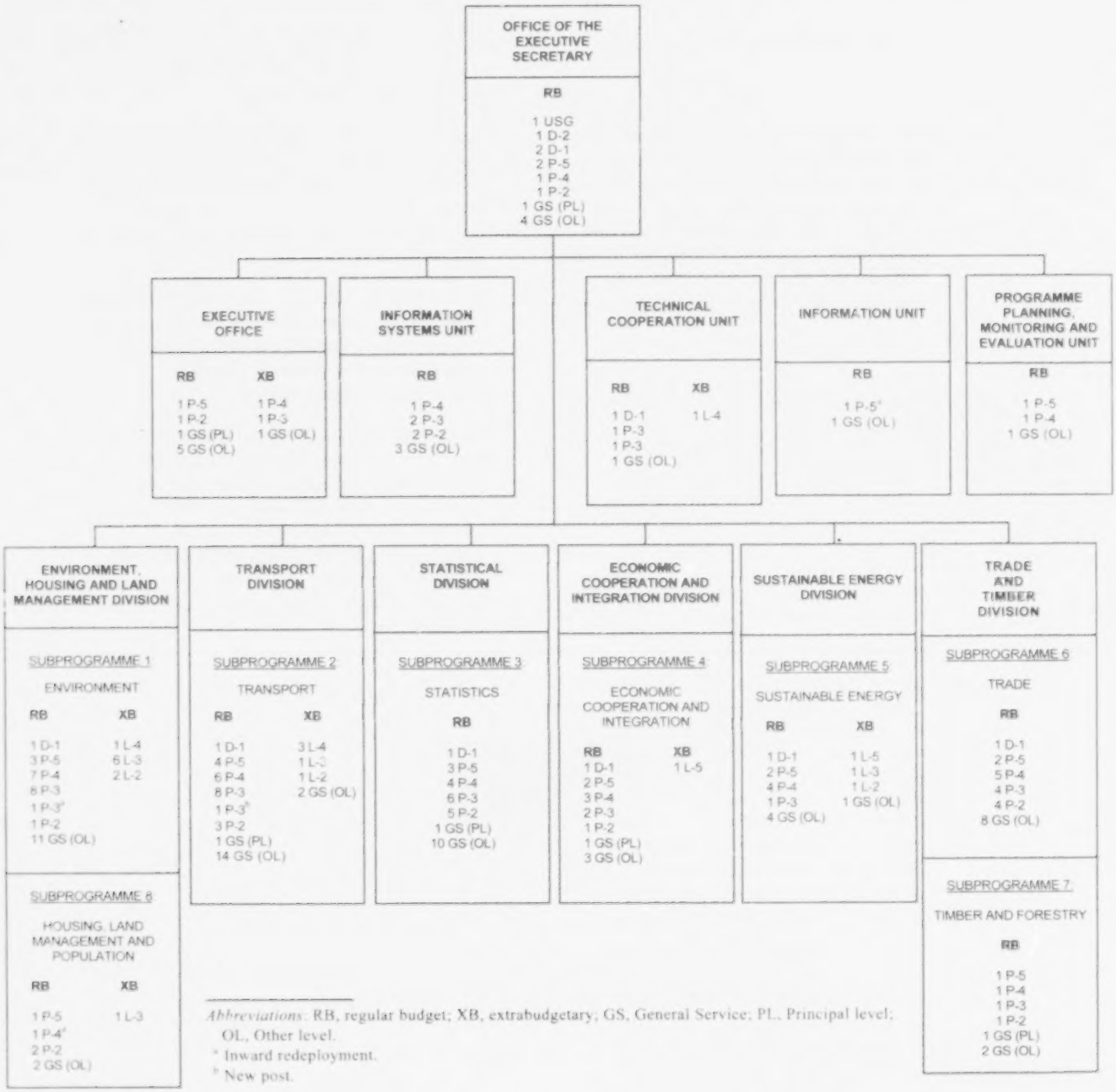
Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2010-2011



Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary; GS, General Service; PL, Principal level; OL, Other level.

[a] Inward redeployment.

[b] New post.

Annex

Outputs produced in 2008-2009 not to be carried out in the biennium 2010-2011

A/62/6 (Sect. 19), paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
Subprogramme 2, Transport			
Para. 19.31 (a) (xv) (a)	Meetings of the Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport	4	Member States' decision. In this connection, the Administrative Committee met only once in 2000. A subsequent meeting has been planned to take place no later than 2005, but, in the light of the lack of interest from Contracting Parties, it did not take place. That situation has not changed since and, therefore, no meetings have been scheduled for 2010-2011. Should these Parties indicate their interest in future, a meeting of the Administrative Committee will be convened
Para. 19.31 (a) (xv) (b)	Report of the Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport	1	Report related to the above output
	Subtotal	5	
Subprogramme 7, Timber and forestry			
Para. 19.51 (b) (v)	Maintenance of a database on forestry assistance to countries with economies in transition	2	Decision taken by the Bureaux of the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission. Other means will be sought to keep countries informed of technical assistance activities in countries with economies in transition
	Subtotal	2	
	Total	7	